GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri M. Venkata Ramana, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), Brahmanapalli Section of Badvel Range of Proddatur (WL) Division, Kurnool Circle under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 – Imposing a penalty of "withholding of 5% of pension for a period of 2 (two) years" on Sri M. Venkata Ramana, Forest Section Officer (Retd.) duly treating the suspension period as not on duty, besides the recovery of Rs.1,03,587/- - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCEICNE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.6 **Dated 24.01.2024**

Read the following:

1) From the PCCF &HoFF, A.P., Guntur, letter Ref. No.19043/17/2018/A&DC-3(xii), dated 30.08.2022.
2) Govt. Memo.No.2069/Sec.IV/A2/2022, E.F.S. & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 15.10.2022.
3) From the PCCF &HoFF, A.P., Guntur, letter Ref. No.19043/17/2018/A&DC-3, dated 13.02.2023.
4) Govt. Memo.No.2069/Sec.IV/A2/2022, E.F.S. & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 04.08.2023.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &HoFF, A.P. has informed that the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri M. Venkata Ramana, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), Brahmanapalli Section of Badvel Range of Proddatur (WL) Division, Kurnool Circle by the Divisional Forest Officer (WL) Proddatur Division in the Rc.no.2378/2018/P3, dt.19.11.2018, under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC & A) Rules, 1991: -

Article:	*"That Sri M. Venkata Ramana, Forest Section Officer (U/s), Brahmanapalli Section of Badvel Range of Proddatur (WL) Division working from 17.11.2014 to till date has grossly neglected his legitimate duties resulting in missing of 18 no. RS logs (weighing 566 Kg) in OR.no.52/2018-19 value Rs.2,07,173/- of Lothuvanka Beat, which were kept at Red Sanders Godown, Badvel Range Complex."*

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 20.11.2018 and submitted his written defense statement dated 10.12.2018. The PCCF &HoFF., A.P., Guntur has appointed the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool as Common Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Wild Life Management, Proddatur as Presenting Officer under 24 R/w Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in Proc.no.EFS02-19043/17/2018/Vig-1(i)&(ii) dt.26.09.2020 for conducting regular inquiry against (13) charged officers.

3. The Inquiry Officer completed the inquiry and submitted findings and check slip information along with connected case records in the C.F., Kurnool Rc.no.3519/2018/M1, dt.22.11.2021, wherein the Inquiry Officer concluded ***the Charge framed against the Charged Officer is proved beyond any reasonable doubt".***

4. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer in PCCF&HoFF Ref.no.19043/17/2018/A&DC-3, dt.28.01.2022, for submission of further defence statement. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of the Final Notice on 08.03.2022 and submitted his further defence statement on 24.03.2022, wherein he did not submit any new / fresh / valid points.

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5. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.08.2019.

6. After careful examination of the entire issue, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the written representation of the charged officer, it has been decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% of pension for a period of 2 (two) years" on Sri M. Venkata Ramana, Forest Section Officer (Retd.) duly treating the suspension period as not on duty, besides the recovery of Rs.1,03,587/-, as the charge framed against him is held proved in the inquiry.

7. In the reference 4th read above, a show-cause has been issued to the charged officer Sri M. Venkata Ramana, FSO (Retd.), duly indicating the quantum of the proposed punishment to be imposed against him. The charged officer acknowledged the show-cause notice and submitted his explanation dated nil. In his explanation Sri M. Venkata Ramana, FSO (Retd.) has not submit any new/valid points to consider his explanation.

8. After careful examination of the entire matter, the Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% of pension for a period of 2 (two) years" on Sri M. Venkata Ramana, Forest Section Officer (Retd.) duly treating the suspension period as not on duty, besides the recovery of Rs.1,03,587/-, as the charge framed against him is held proved in the inquiry, under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri M. Venkata Ramana, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), Brahmanapalli Section of Badvel Range (Through the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur)
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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SECTION OFFICER